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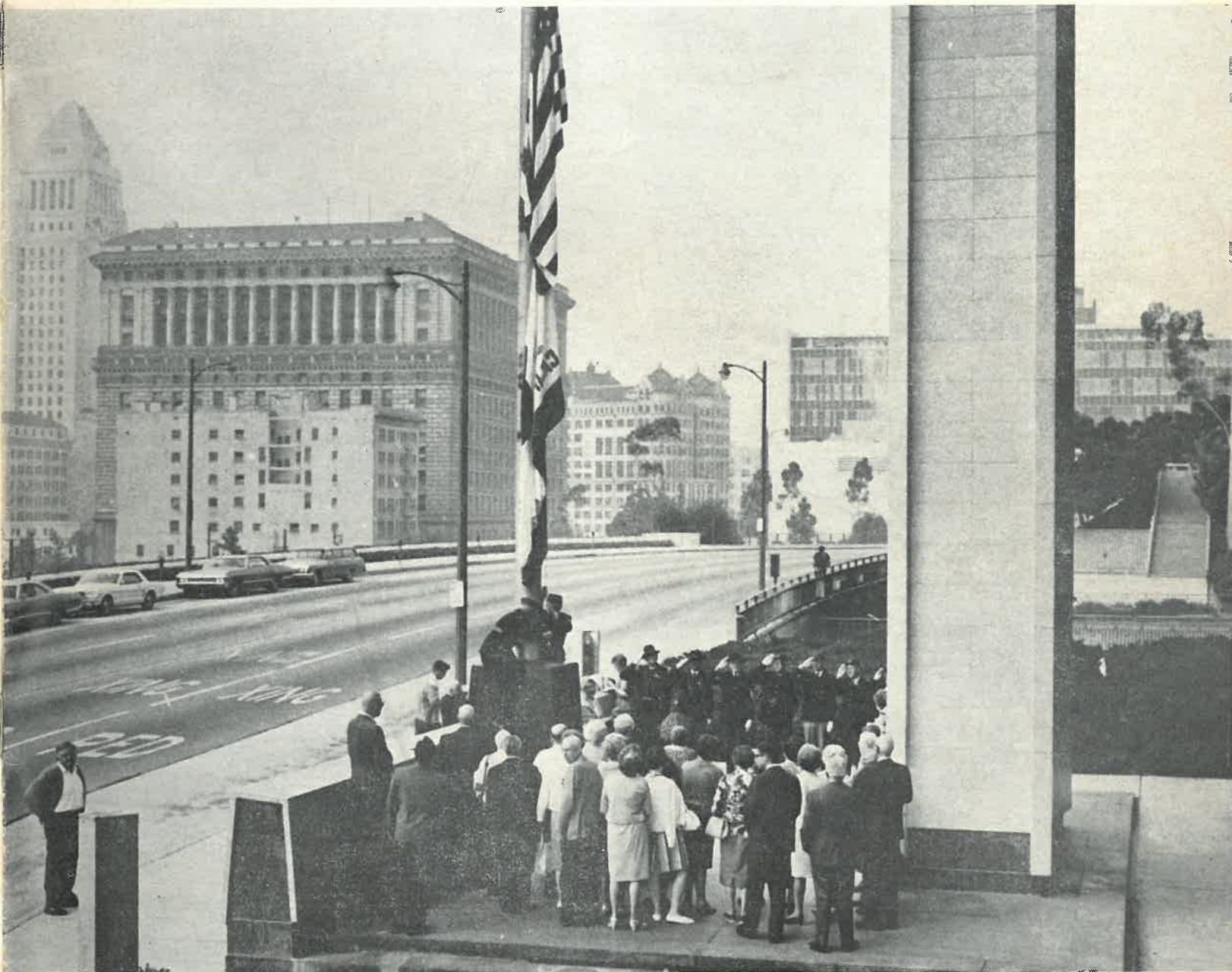


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*The Mormon Battalion Reenacts Hoisting Of Stars and Strips Over
Fort Moore, Claiming California for the United States*

Past President's Message

By MILTON V. BACKMAN



THIS PAST SUP YEAR has been a most rewarding one to me in my attempt to discharge the duties of the high office the membership of this organization bestowed upon me. I appreciate the opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the membership in their having elected to office such fine men, and to the appointed members of the board who have served with me so well. Especially do I express thanks to our great Secretary T. Mack Woolley, to our Treasurer and Past National President Lorenzo B. Summerhays, to Les Goates, editor of our Pioneer magazine and to National Past President J. Rulon Morgan for their having taken over the reigns for nearly three months when I was incapacitated. It is with mixed emotions that I pass on the duties of this office to a great fellow.

THAT WONDERFUL TREK

While it was my desire to visit each chapter I found it impossible to do so and I fully appreciate the invitations extended to me by the chapters. I did participate in the trek to California sponsored by the Mormon Battalion under the most capable leadership of Commander Marvin E. Smith when we visited with the Parawan Chapter at ceremonies commemorating the restoration of the Jesse N. Smith home at Parawan; thence on to San Diego where we visited the monuments to the Mormon Battalion and Ladies of the Mormon Battalion; thence to missions enroute to Los Angeles where on July 4th, we held an impressive service at Fort Moore in commemoration of the 120th anniversary of the raising of the American Flag over that territory by the Mormon Battalion; thence to San Francisco visiting missions enroute and on to the Oakland Temple Grounds where we met with local officials who, through the fine ground work laid by New Chapter Chairman Everett Call, agreed to organize a new chapter at Oakland.

We then traveled to the mining city of Jackson via Stockton where we were entertained with a lovely banquet with the mayor and other officials in attendance, after which we drove toward the Nevada bor-

Parting Admonition; Recruit New Members

der to Tragedy Springs for official ceremonies sponsored by the DUP Sacramento County Chapter and Daughters of the Golden West at the graveside of Mormon Battalion members killed by Indians and buried at this sight. Here we met with a fine group of men who agreed to organize a chapter in the Sacramento area and which has since been organized as the Sierra Chapter.

MUSEUMS THE GREATEST

I rejoice in the increased popularity of our splendid Pioneer Village and the Railroad Museum at Corinne, products of a great organizer, connoisseur of precious artifacts and a devoted SUP member, Horace A. Sorensen. Under the leadership of this great man, Pioneer Village has become one of the finest museums in the country and has been so recognized in the winning of awards and citations over the years. We Sons of the Pioneers owe much to Horace and Ethel Sorensen for their generous contributions and continued support of these museums.

Most of all during the past year I have appreciated knowing you stalwarts of SUP throughout the several chapters. These are priceless associations and out of these I am sure, have come many true and lasting friendships. It would be hard for me to count by gains in meeting with you wonderful men.

I am grateful that our organization is set up so that the vice presidents generally, can carry on from year to year. They are the backbone of the organization. They have the problems of the various chapters and regions clearly in mind and can bring these matters before the National Board each month. It is marvelous to me how sincerely and thoroughly they look after the groups. I do appreciate their wonderful helpfulness.

NEED OF MEMBERS

It has been said that a man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit. Our ancestors did this. Let us do it also.

As my parting admonition I should like to see our organization bring in many new members. Carry an application form with you at all times. Let your friends know that you belong to an organization which stands for progress and high ideals. Do not deny your son, grandson and friend the great privilege of meeting with men such as we have in this organization. Let him plant shade trees under which others will sit when he goes to the great beyond.



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The Source Of Human Freedom

THE REFUSAL of many young men to defend their country, burning their draft cards and spewing venomous epithets at government leaders is brash acknowledgement that they do not understand the basic principles of the freedom they claim has eluded them.

"The source of human freedom in this country is the government and we must continue to demonstrate for this freedom until we get it," shouted one of their high-powered orators.

The source of human freedom in this country or any other country is NOT the government. The source of human freedom is the source of human nature. At no time did human nature become free. It has always been free.

Society cannot take a monkey out of a tree and make him a free man. Neither can politics and war drive a man underground and make him a hole. It is possible to chain the hands but the heart cannot be chained.

It is foolish to talk about freedom unless we talk about responsibility. It is silly to talk about rights unless we talk about duty. It is ridiculous to talk about liberty unless we talk about the law. In this life we cannot ship ourselves somewhere east of a moral Suez, "where the best is like the worst; where there are no Ten Commandments," because "where there are no Ten Commandments" there is no freedom, no liberty and no regard for human rights.

Thus, we must come to accept freedom as a relative term, related by everlasting bonds to justice, to service and to God. Let no man clamor for freedom who refuses to obey the laws of God and the laws of man. Let no man claim any right which is not inter-related to moral duty. These are the truths of inspired teachings and divine revelation.

Whenever men have turned from God and sought freedom, they have found slavery and statism. This could be the fate of our own America in the world conflict in which we are now engaged, though heaven forbid. But whatever destiny holds for us, we do know that democracy cannot survive unless men come to understand that liberty is the product of God's law; that justice and faith are the true context of freedom; that human rights are defended by moral duties.

Freedom is a gift of God as part of man's divine nature. The Lord has so declared this through his modern prophet:

"I, the Lord, God, make you free, therefore ye are free indeed; and the law also maketh you free."
(Doctrine & Covenants, Sec. 98:8.)

On Being An Individual

IS THE average man going the way of the buffalo? "Everything," we are told in tones of grave foreboding, "is getting bigger except the individual and he is getting smaller and more insignificant and dependent."

This is a familiar indictment of the times. If it is true the future of the individual person is dark indeed. Is it actually true that our complex society necessarily depersonalizes people while enriching them with material goods? Is the individual actually becoming expendable, a mere production number or a fractional particle in a table of statistics, engulfed in a world of mass production, advertising, communications and indoctrination?

This is hard to believe. Society, thank goodness, has not yet reached the stage that people need to have their initials placed on their personal belongings "to remind them who they are," as Danny Kaye has suggested.

Certainly we have come a long way from our pioneer forebears in terms of raising our own food, getting in the winter's supply of firewood and making our own candles. But are these the only tests of a person's individuality? Is there not another side to the question?

Is it not true that our complex economy, in releasing us from the necessity of weaving our own cloth, making out own candles, and chopping our own firewood, also releases us from many crushing elemental anxieties, and long exhausting hours of manual labor which characterized the handicraft economy of the pioneers? In a way the pioneers were actually more regimented than are we today.

What we suggest is that the large-scale basis of life today, with all its difficult problems of mass organization, is really an opportunity for greater self-realization rather than less. So, we conclude that no matter how much one may yearn sentimentally for a return of the simple life of the pioneers, no man who has had access to a good education can rationalize his failure to become a real person, on the grounds that the massive scope of life restricts the development of the individual.

The Sons of the Utah Pioneers offers many opportunities for each person to become a distinct individual. Its gospel is the antithesis of "every man for himself and the devil catch the hindmost." As its faith supports the integrity and autonomy of the individual, so does it impose the grave but noble obligation to be one!

The 1967 SUP Provo Encampment

Tops In Achievement And Entertainment

BY LES GOATES

An elaborate and genuinely-sincere expression of devotion to the Sons of the Utah Pioneers was the 1967 SUP Encampment held on the beautiful campus of the Brigham Young University, Sept. 1 and 2, the Provo chapters as host. Like all the others that have preceded it, this was another "greatest," especially the entertainment which most likely will not be matched for sheer pagentry for years to come.

Starting with the Friday evening dinner in the BYU Field-house and finishing with the traditional President's Banquet in the magnificent Wilkinson Center, the conclave was one delight after another. Yet, all was not fun and frolic. The National Board held business sessions Friday and Saturday, the latter being the annual elections — reports — and resolutions meeting.

Francis Christensen of Brigham City, a retired Army officer, moved up from vice president to the presidency. He had been a dynamic and devoted SUP board member for many years and one of the prime pushers behind the pace-setting Brigham City Chapter.

Most of the vice presidents were reelected: Lorenzo Hansen, Logan; H. Melvin Rollins, Box Elder; Charles R. Bird, Salt Lake City (north); Frank J. Earl, Provo and



Milton V. Backman, left, out-going president of the National Society, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, pins the President's Pin on James Christensen, newly-elected president following elections at the Provo Encampment.
(Massey Portrait)

Ray Knell, Cedar City. New vice presidents are: Gerald Waterfall, Ogden and Kenneth Rasmussen, Salt Lake City (south). Elected to the Life Membership Committee was Vern B. Muir, member at large.

Honor Past Presidents

The business of bestowing honors continued at the President's Banquet when all the living former national presidents who were able to be present, received artistically-designed framed certificates. They were: Gaylan S. Young, Wendell J. Ashton, Richard A. Lambert, Horace A. Sorensen, Karl B. Hale, Earl A. Hansen, L. Vosco Tanner, Lorenzo B. Summerhays and J. Rulon Morgan.

The annual awards in recognition of meritorious service during 1967 were made as follows:

SUP Member of the Year: Melvin R. Rollins, Brigham City, presented by Gerald Waterfall of the Awards Committee.

Outstanding SUP Couple: John and Eunice Hutchings, creators of the Lehi Hutchings Pioneer Museum.

Outstanding Chapter: Dixie Mission, award received by Archie Wallis.

Chapter Attendance Award: Brigham Young Chapter of Provo, received by Kenneth Weight.

Story Awards

Presentation of the Pioneer Story Awards were made by Chairman James H. Miller to:

First Prize: Leah P. Kimber, Brigham City for story entitled "A Scotch and Irish Mixture."

Second Prize: LaPreale White, Brigham City, story, "The First Peach Tree."

Third Prize: S. Grant Young, Salt Lake City, "Early Pioneering." (These stories will be published in "The Pioneer.")

Speakers at the climatic event Saturday evening were: Horace A. see ENCAMPMENT, page 5

Salt Lake Chapters Unite To Stage 1968 SUP Conclave

THE SIX CHAPTERS of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers in the greater Salt Lake area, will combine in staging the 1968 SUP Encampment, it was decided at the Board of Directors' business meeting at the Provo convention.

These chapters are: Salt Lake Luncheon Club, Pioneer, Temple Quarry, East Mill Creek, Holladay and Sugar House. Presidents of these chapters will meet soon to set up a staff for promoting the event.



VICE PRESIDENTS of SUP for 1967-68, elected at the Provo Encampment are shown herewith. Seated, left to right: Kenneth Rasmussen, Sandy; Frank J. Earl, Provo; H. Melvin Rollins, Brigham City (The outstanding SUP of the year).

Standing: Charles R. Bird, Salt Lake City; Ray Knell, Cedar City; Lorenzo L. Hansen, Logan; Vern B. Muir, Bountiful, new member of the Life Membership Committee and Gerald M. Waterfall, (Massey Portrait)

Encampment Sets New High in Achievement, Entertainment

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Sorensen, who reviewed the stories of Pioneer Village and the Corinne Railroad Museum; Milton V. Backman, retiring president who presided; James Christensen, newly-elected SUP president and J. Rulon Morgan, who delivered an eloquent eulogy in memoriam to the 30 members who have died since the 1966 encampment.

Indoor Parade

Most memorable and spectacular event of the encampment was the Friday evening, "Carousel of Progress," a full-fledged, life-sized indoor musical pageant. Probably nothing like this unique presentation, on such a large scale has ever before been attempted in show business. Directed by Colleen Collins Smith, with Josephine and Victor Bird as producers and

choreographers, the spectacle depicted the progress of transportation from handcart days to the era of the luxurious touring car — all in carousel. The various units of the parade encircled the large audience as artist singers and dancers presented the songs and dances of each era. Supporting the musicale was the splendid Pleasant View Dedication Choir, directed by JoAnn Thomas.

A galaxy of soloists from the Utah Valley Opera Association topped the huge cast of singers: the Gary Elison and Colleen Collins Smith Dancers and other groups. The vocal roles of Helen Weeks, Robert Taylor, Ruth Melville, Harris Ladle, Elaine Clark and Olga Gardner; duets by Kathryn Dorton and Wanda Peterson and Dean and Jaynann Payne's (Mrs. Utah) three charming

daughters, Susan, Evelyn and Janice, in some exquisite three-part blending, were nee plus ultra.

A fashion show and brunch, featuring Mrs. Utah and a sight-seeing tour of the BYU Campus and the art gallery in the home of J. Rulon and Fern Morgan, were popular side attractions.

The Mormon Battalion performed the traditional flag ceremonies at sundown Saturday at the BYU flagpole.

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New President Expresses Appreciation

Calls For Devotion And Sacrifices

JAMES CHRISTENSEN, the new president of the National Sons of the Utah Pioneers, most likely will be a brief and forceful speaker as he tours the chapters throughout his administration during 1967-68, judging by his speech of acceptance at the Provo Encampment. In approximately two minutes Pres. Christensen said:

"It becomes my lot now to give President Backman his past president's pin. He has been a wonderful president and I hope I can do at least half as well.

"I want to express appreciation to the committee that has put on this wonderful encampment. I appreciate all the work it has required as we had the encampment in Brigham City last year. It is a 'puzzlement' to me how I came into this position. I only hope I can justify the faith placed in me by our National Board. I am grateful that I will now have an opportunity to get better acquainted with you fine men of the various chapters.

"I am reminded of the story of a good brother Richards who helped to pioneer Cache Valley. He made himself a real nice place in fertile, green and lush Cache Valley, a place to be exceedingly proud of.

"Then came a call from the brethren to give it all up and go to a dry, hot and seemingly unproductive area of Arizona and start a community there. It almost broke Elder Richards' heart to give up his beautiful place but he was a real pioneer and an obedient servant of the Lord so he hied himself and his family off to Arizona to start all over again.

"And do you know that after half a dozen years in Arizona, Elder Richards wouldn't have come back to Cache Valley for anything in the world.

"I may ask you good men of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers to 'go to Arizona!'"



*Leah P. Kimber
... her story wins award*



*S. Grant Young
... story winner*

H. Melvin Rollins Merits High Honor

Outstanding man in the Sons of the Utah Pioneers for 1967, by selection of the National Board from nominations made by all the chapters, is H. Melvin Rollins of the Brigham City chapter.

It was a nice break for the Peach City chapter when H. Melvin and his splendid family moved into that choice community. That was in 1959 and forthwith he became affiliated with the chapter. He was elected director in 1963 and again in 1964. Since January 1, 1965 he has served as president.

Born in Minersville, Utah he was 11 years of age when his parents moved to Wyoming.

Except for 7 years in California, he has spent most of his adult life in Wyoming and Utah.

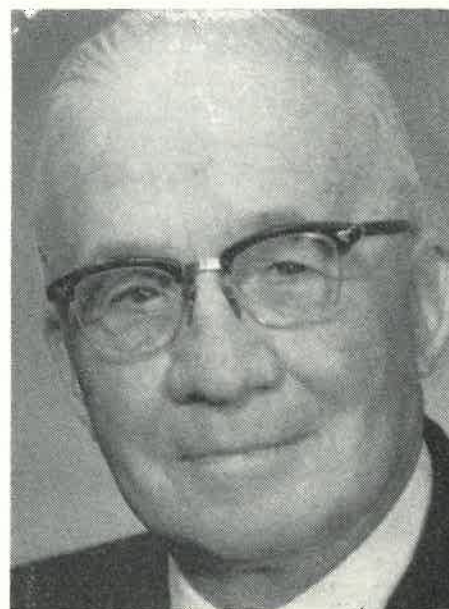
He was married to Mary Ellen Stewart in the Salt Lake Temple, Nov. 20, 1907. From this union eight children were born, seven of whom are living.

Throughout most of his interesting life, Mr. Rollins has been active in civic, business and church affairs. He served two terms as mayor of his town and several years in the State Senate. During World War II he was state director of the OPA.

Noted Reclamationist

An ardent reclamationist, he has served as president of the Wyoming Reclamation Association, director of the National Reclamation Association and Wyoming representative on the Colorado River Commission and the Missouri Interstate Commission. Since 1946 his name has appeared in "Who's Who in the West."

In business he was manager of a general store, owner and editor of a weekly newspaper and state manager and general agent for the Beneficial Life Insurance Co. He received the National Quality Award for his insurance achievements in 1963.



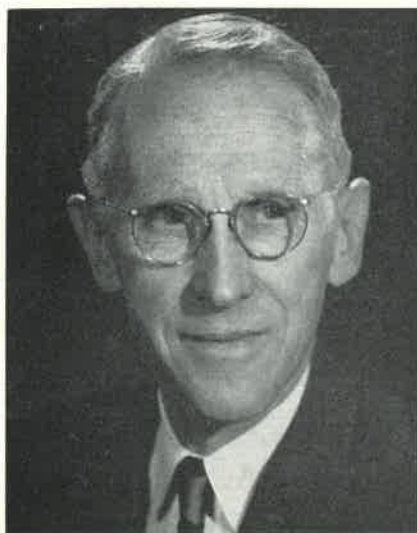
*H. Melvin Rollins
... outstanding SUP*



Coleen Collins Smith
... her show the greatest



Mrs. Victor Bird
... co-chairman and producer



Victor Bird
... master overseer

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE UTAH PIONEERS

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the Fiscal Years Ended 31 July 1967 and 1966

	1966-1967	1965-1966
Cash on Hand and in Banks as at 1 August.....	\$10,141.22	\$11,042.65
Total Receipts Listed Below	8,791.78	9,291.37
Total Cash on Hand plus Receipts	18,933.00	20,334.02
Total Disbursements — Listed Below	8,720.98	10,192.80
Cash on Hand as at 31 July	\$10,212.02	\$10,141.22
Represented by Cash in Banks as Follows:		
Zions First National Checking Account.....	\$ 1,895.40	\$ 1,201.18
American Savings and Loan	2,338.61	2,225.97
Deseret Federal Savings and Loan	3,401.45	3,237.55
Zions First National Savings	2,576.56	3,476.52
Total Cash in Banks	\$10,212.02	\$10,141.22
Receipts as Above:		
National Dues	\$ 4,181.00	\$ 4,170.00
Members-at-Large Dues	465.00	450.00
Contributions from Members	None	100.00
Interest on Savings Account	376.58	305.46
Interest on Life Membership Fund	251.67	213.75
Prior Years Encampment	132.23	150.00
Chapter Presidents' Dinner	105.00	41.00
Advertising in 'The Pioneer'	2,707.80	2,724.22
Sale of The Pioneer copies	43.50	41.83
Refund on The Pioneer News Printing and Postage	None	242.11
Total Receipts for National Office	\$ 8,262.78	\$ 8,438.37
Dues Received for Chapters	4.00	3.00
Administration Building Rental	425.00	350.00
Life Membership Trust Fund	100.00	500.00
Total Receipts as Above	\$ 8,791.78	\$ 9,291.37
Disbursements as Above:		
Salaries	\$ 2,389.50	\$ 2,437.50
Payroll Taxes Net	103.62	93.20
Travel Expenses	420.00	420.00
Postage Supplies and Printing	573.22	408.17
Telephone	279.29	279.82
Pins and Awards	157.21	111.32
Chapter Presidents' Dinner	256.07	205.55
The Pioneer Printing Costs and Mailing	3,203.19	4,205.12
Advertising Commissions	714.88	666.12
Tragedy Springs, California Plaque	50.00	None
Provo Art Festival	None	73.00
Heber Save the Tabernacle	None	500.00
Ad for Days of '47	None	15.00
Total Disbursements for National Office	\$ 8,146.98	\$ 9,414.80
Dues Received for Chapters Remitted	4.00	3.00
Administration Building Rental	470.00	275.00
Life Membership Trust Fund	100.00	500.00
Total Disbursements as Above	\$ 8,720.98	\$10,192.80

Respectfully submitted,
Lorenzo B. Summerhays, Treasurer
National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

Death Valley Comes To Life In This Book

DEATH VALLEY AND THE CREEK CALLED FURNACE. by Edwin Corle, with photographs by Ansel Adams. Foreword by Lawrence Clark Powell (Los Angeles Ward Ritchie Press, \$7.50).

The publisher has made a handsome book of the chapters on Death Valley taken from the late Edwin Corle's book, *Desert Country*, first published in 1941 in the

"American Folkways Series," and of the thirty-two photographs from the artistic lens of Ansel Adams. These stories of William L. Manley, the Bennett-Arcane party, the Lee brothers, Death Valley Scotty, Twenty-Mule Team, the Furnace at Furnace Creek, Twenty-three Skidoo, and other characters and incidents identified with California's most barren landscape. Adams sees shape, form, and history, as well as desolation and desert.

Mormon Battalion On the March

'Mission 120' Proves History-Making Trek

BY COL. MARVIN E. SMITH
Commanding Officer, Mormon Battalion

"Mission 120" was honorably discharged by the Mormon Battalion under the inspirational guidance of SUP President Milton E. Backman during the memorable trek to California in July. The fondest dreams came true as the veteran travelers of the battalion, the SUP and their companions declared it the most enjoyable trek ever.

Significant accomplishments included:

- Revival of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers in South California.
- Encouragement and subsequent organization of the Sierra Chapter in the Sacramento area.
- Setting up the groundwork for organization of a chapter in the Oakland-San Francisco area.
- Affiliation of several members of the Sierra Chapter with the Mormon Battalion.
- Supporting the DUP of California in the ground-breaking ceremonies for Tragedy Springs Park which was dedicated Sept. 2.
- Honoring the original Mormon Battalion members at Fort Moore with a flag-raising ceremony on the 120th Anniversary of the raising of Old Glory at that post.

Fellowshipping Activity

- Fellowshipping with officers and members of the Southern California Chapter.
- Honoring Dr. George A. Wilson, only living charter member of SUP.
- Looking over the Iron Mission Park project at Cedar City which is being sponsored by SUP.
- Touring the Jessie N. Smith pioneer memorial home in Parowan.
- Visiting the old Spanish Mission along the trail from San Diego to San Francisco.
- Looking over the Brigham Young winter home in St. George



Col. Marvin E. Smith, right, presents an award honoring Dr. George A. Wilson for his years of loyal service to SUP. Dr. Wilson is charter member.

and the Jacob Hamlin home in Santa Clara.

States Join Hands

Thus Utah joined hands with California in memorializing significant pioneer history to us all.

Supporting Pres. Backman on the trek were VP Ray Knell who served as bus captain; Everett Call, who did much of the pre-trek planning and scheduling and Harold H. Jensen, SUP historian and public relations officer par excellence.

It was great to meet quality people like Bishop Irving L. Pratt, L.A., who is president of the SUP chapter and who welcomed all so warmly at Ft. Moore. TV cameras recorded the event and a front page picture was carried in one of the L.A. papers.

Then there was Orson Gibb of

Santa Barbara, formerly of Salt Lake City, who met us and guided us to the famous Spanish Mission in that City.

Wm. J. Fox was loyal and effective in his efforts to make our stay in L.A. a pleasant one. He cleared the way and made arrangements for us to "occupy" Ft. Moore for special ceremonies on July 4. He also saw that we got seats to the famous American Legion show and fireworks.

Kit Carson Was There

Then there was Sid Smith, manager of the Amador County C. of C. wearing his Kit Carson uniform and serving as our guide to Jackson, where we were met by the mayor, a group of newspaper reporters and numerous other friends from the surrounding area.

It was great to meet Bishop Grant Ursenbach and his wife, Alice, from Auburn, Calif.

Our appreciation goes to Trek Finance Officer S. Roy Chipman, who loyally kept the records and saw to it that we did not go in the red. Roy and Verda are a "must" to a successful trek.

And those tremendous Daughters who co-chaired the Tragedy Spring Park project: Norma Ricketts and Maurine Smart from Sacramento and Fair Oaks, respectively.

It must be admitted that the descendants of the Utah Pioneers are not all in Utah. Obviously some of the greatest are found in the neighboring states. They are unified and will continue to do great things. I'm glad we belong to the same organization.

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Pictorial Highlights Of Mormon Battalion's Trek To Ft. Moore



Members of the National SUP Board at Ft. Moore on occasion of the 120th anniversary of the raising of the American flag on that post: Marvin E. Smith, Everett H. Call, Pres. Milton V. Backman, Ray Knell and Harold H. Jensen.



A DUP monument honoring women of the Mormon Battalion attracts members to the Ft. Stockton site: Mrs. Scotty Davidson, Irene Smith, Florence Backman, Clara Knell, Rose Ashton, Effie Bushman, Millie Christensen, Mrs. Lothaire Rich and Verda Chipman.



SUP Trekkers pause for a picture in front of the Mormon Battalion monument located at Ft. Stockton, San Diego, Calif.



Col. Oilver R. Smith, Provo, gives the command "Present arms" as Old Glory is raised at Ft. Moore, Los Angeles, July 4, 1967.



Pres. Milton V. Backman digs the first shovel of soil for the groundbreaking ceremony at Tragedy Springs, Calif.



Representing the women who completed the march to the West Coast in 1847 are: Verda Chipman, Rose Ashton, Fern Butterfield and Millie Christensen.

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Our Readers Write

Utah Makes Big Hit With Tourist

THANK you, Mr. Woolley, for the map of the Pony Express route which you sent. I was thrilled with it as I was when I saw it at Pioneer Village. I never dreamed I would receive the same one I was so attracted to at the museum.

This was my first trip west, and I didn't miss anything—historical monuments, Indian artifacts, pioneer villages, stage coach exhibits—and of course, my pet subject Pony Express. I took pictures of them all.

Utah has so much to offer the tourist. I loved all that exquisite scenery. The geology was my prime interest, especially Zion Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Four Corners, Dinosaur Park, Canyonlands, Lake Powell, and all. I took the all-day boat ride to Rainbow Bridge, Goose Necks, etc. Took in all the museums as well. Salt Lake City was most interesting!

Thank you very much for the map. I shall have it framed and cherish it always. Sincerely,

—Mrs. Marion C. Harris
St. Petersburg, Fla.

New Idaho Member Proud To Be SUP

I received your reply to my letter asking for an application blank to fill out regarding becoming a member of the Sons of the Pioneers. Check for membership fee is enclosed. In accordance with the procedure I will give a brief resumé of my pioneer ancestry:

My grandfather, Nicholas Groesbeck was an early settler in Salt Lake City. There is a large oil painting of him hanging in the Pioneer Library just west of the Capitol Building. While yet a young man Nicholas Harmon Groesbeck moved to Springville where he helped to establish the first mercantile business there. He came to Utah in 1850.

My mother's father, George McKenzie landed in Salt Lake City, Sept. 2, 1852. He was an Indian interpreter and rode one of the first legs of the Pony Express. He helped to rescue the stranded handcart company, 200 miles east of Salt Lake. He also helped establish the Y.X. Stage Line.

Mrs. Groesbeck and I have both filled missions to the Northern States. I was ordained a bishop by George Albert Smith.

—Harmon McKenzie Groesbeck

Appreciation For Bamberger Tribute

The letter of consolation by your thoughtful representative, Harold H. Jenson, regarding the passing of my husband, Julian Bamberger, was deeply appreciated. It has given me much consolation. Julian used to enjoy the SUP Luncheon Club very much and loved all the fine men who belonged.

Reference to Julian's father was most thoughtful. Julian never failed to give credit to his father, Governor Simon Bamberger, for many of his successes. As you have so well written, Julian was a wonderful man with a host of friends all over the world.

He loved Salt Lake City and Utah and worked tirelessly for the betterment of the people here, particularly the under-privileged. He was deeply devoted to his family and a more generous, tender, lovable husband and father would be hard to find anywhere. As a friend wrote of him: "Julian's whole life was an epitaph." We, his wife and two daughters, sincerely hope his good deeds will long be remembered.

We thank the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, particularly the thoughtful Harold Jenson, for your most gracious letter of consolation and your fond remembrance of our beloved Julian Bamberger.

—Mrs. Julian Bamberger

Mormon Battalion Retraces 1848 Trek

By Diane Smith
The Stockton Record

TRAGEDY SPRINGS, Calif. — Many descendants of early-day Mormons retraced the steps of their forefathers during an eight-day trek to attend groundbreaking ceremonies of a roadside park here Friday, July 10.

The park will be established in Amador-El Dorado National Forest to mark the burial place of three Mormon pioneers who were murdered in June, 1848 by area Indians.

About 80 Sons and Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and many of the Mormon Battalion National Society gathered for the ceremonies.

Tragedy Springs, a pioneer campsite on the Kit Carson Emigrant Trail (State Highway 88), was named by members of the Battalion who were en route to Salt Lake Valley when three of the party were murdered.

Tragedy

The name Tragedy was chosen to express the sadness in the hearts of the surviving travelers.

The men were murdered as they were serving as advanced trail scouts. They were Ezra Allen, 34; Daniel Browsett, 39; and Henderson Cox, 19.

Others in the party following the trio to the spot several days later found the victims of the brutal slaying and buried them in a common grave.

The survivors carved the names and dates on a nearby tree. The carving remained through the years, but until 1929 it was never established just what the names meant in terms of time and history.

Wedding Band

Mrs. Norma B. Ricketts of Sacramento, Daughter of Utah Pioneers spokesman, told the gathering Friday that the men found a gold pouch in a bush that had belonged to Ezra Allen. His widow later used the gold dust to buy a wedding band, gear, and trap-pings for a team of animals to begin her own journey.

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers plans a historical marker by the road and a pathway to the grave.



(Photo courtesy Stockton, Calif. Record)

HISTORICAL PARK — A map of a proposed park at Tragedy Springs, Calif., to mark the spot where three Mormon pioneers were murdered in 1848 by Indians is shown by members of the Sons and daughters of Utah Pioneers. Attired in 1848 costumes, the trio attended groundbreaking ceremonies. They are Mrs. Rudolph Christensen of Salt Lake City (left); Dr. Oliver R. Smith, professor of Brigham Young University; and Mrs. Marvin E. Smith, also of Salt Lake.

The area now is marked by a rock wall and fountain, built in 1930. A picnic area is expected to be completed by September.

Historical Site

Other plans call for another fountain on the property of donors, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Huguenin of San Francisco. The fountain area will be in the direct path of the historical site.

A plaque with the names of the murdered men will be nestled between two evergreen trees. Other improvements will be made by the Pioneer Society prior to a Sept. 2 historical dedication.

The U. S. Forest Service will maintain the area after it is completed.

Signs Needed

Co-chairman of the project, Mrs. Max Smart, told the gathering directional signs to the Springs are needed. Any help by a booster-type organization would be appreciated, she said.

Speaking at the luncheon event held in Jackson prior to the groundbreaking was Sacramento writer and co-chairman of the project, Mrs. Monte Ricketts; Milton V. Backman, National Sons of Utah president, and several Amador residents.

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The Pioneers' System Of Exchange

Annoying and Oftentimes Inconvenient

With "due bills" a common part of the contemporary American scene in the 1850's, the Mormons used this medium of exchange quite extensively, reports Dr. Leonard J. Arrington in his book, "The Great Basin Kingdom." Many travelers throughout Utah were confused and amused by their use and also the use of produce as exchangeable goods.

One of the most amusing stories, undoubtedly apocryphal, was told by the humorist Bill Nye:

In those days if you wanted to go to the theater you took butter, eggs, chickens, potatoes, wheat, anything like that, to the tithing office and they would give you script for it. Then you took the script to the theater or to any store and bought what you wanted for it.

On one occasion I took a big fat turkey to the tithing yard to sell for script and the tithing clerk had gone to supper. I waited and he not not return, so I had to go and get the young lady I had invited to go to the theater with me, and I carried the turkey to the box

office and asked for two balcony seats.

The clerk at the ticket window took the turkey, handed out the two tickets and two spring chickens in change. I had to sit there all through the performance with a chicken under each arm and the young lady, of course, was quite peeved that I paid her so little attention. I never was so embarrassed or uncomfortable in all my life..

Perhaps a more telling (and truthful) illustration of Utah's barter system was told by John Codman in the 1870's. The tithing office at Lehi, he wrote, needed an account book and finally located one in the hands of an Englishman. The price demanded was fifty cents, and that in coin. The bishop offered tithing script, eggs, potatoes, chickens, flour — items almost universally acceptable — but to no avail. Ten cents was all the "ready money" that could be collected. It was many months before the Lehi tithing office could get possession of the fifty cents to buy the account book.

Escalante's Story Of Indians In Utah Valley

By James H. Miller

Authentic reports of life in Utah Valley before the coming of the pioneers, are somewhat scarce and often-times contradictory. One of the most graphic of these has been provided by Father Silvestre Escalante who, in 1776, led an expedition from Sante Fe, seeking an overland route to Monterey on the Pacific Coast, and reached Utah Valley in September of that year. Here is part of his report:

"The Indian that live in this neighborhood subsist upon the abundant fish of the lake, from which reason the Yutas and Sabueganas are called 'Fisheaters.' They also gather seeds and herbs, and from them make 'stole' (a sort of gruel). They also hunt wild hares, rabbits, and fowls, which are abundant here. There are also buffalo not far to the northwest, but fear of the Comanches hinders these Indians from hunting them.

"Their dwelling places are huts of cane. From cane they also make baskets and other useful articles. They are poorly clothed; the most decent garment they wear is a jacket of buckskin and moccasins and leggings of the same. For cold weather they have blankets made of rabbit skins. They use the Yuta language, but with many changes and accents and even some foreign words. They are good looking and most of them without a beard.

"In all parts of these mountains there live a great many of the same people as the Launas, with the same language and gentleness, among whom might be formed a province of many large settlements. The names of the chiefs are: Tura, the big chief; Cultza, the second; and Silvestre, the third."

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Bishops of East Mill Creek Ward from the organization of the ward in 1877 to the organization of East Mill Creek Stake in 1945.



The East Mill Creek Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, honored bishops of East Mill Creek Ward, who served prior to the organization of East Mill Creek Stake, at a community reunion on July 21. These bishops, shown above, served a total of 76 years. John Neff, first bishop (1877 to 1912) served 35 years. The ward and the historic old chapel are now approaching their centennial year.

George A. Smith Group Elects Elmer St. Jeor

The George A. Smith Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, oldest chapter of the organization, held their election of officers at the home of J. Rulon Morgan and Fern Morgan on June 14. Replacing Dean W. Payne as president was Elmer de St. Jeor who has been a past president of the chapter.

Planned for the coming year is a renovation of the buildings and village and a re-labelling of the relics in the Provo Pioneer Museum. The Project Committee is planning to establish numbered tourist tours of interesting and historical spots in Provo and the surrounding communities with permanent markers reached by following a tour-guide and map.

Also planned is a tourist side-trip guide map for Alpine Scenic Loop, Mount Nebo Loop and Hobble Creek - Spanish Fork Canyons Loop. Guided tours through U. S. Steel's Geneva Plant and Brigham Young University will also be available for tourists.

Each of the members has agreed to recruit five new members for the coming year.

The officers chosen are: President—Elmer de St. Jeor; 1st vice president—John W. "Bun" Taylor; 2nd vice president—Garland Swenson; 3rd vice president—David S. Nelson; 4th vice president—Kenner B. Clayton; secretary—Leland H. Barton; treasurer—Grant O. Thomas; supervisor of buildings and grounds—Floyd K. Giles; representative to Mormon Battalion—Verl G. Dixon; project committee—Louis E. Crandall, Alan R. Morgan, Arvil H. Scott, Paul J. Henrichsen, George Albert Olsen.

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The Grave of Rebecca Winters

Burial Spot On Plains Sacred Since 1852

By T. MACK WOOLLEY

Executive Secretary SUP

Rebecca Burdick Winters, daughter of Gideon Burdick and Catherine Robertson Burdick was born December 16, 1801 at Cayuga, Cayuga County, New York and died August 6, 1852, on the Nebraska plains while enroute to Utah. She was the wife of Hiram Winters whom she married in about 1824, and the mother by this union of the following children:

Oscar,
Feb. 7, 1825 - Jan. 22, 1903
Alonzo,
Mar. 10, 1830 - Jan. 20, 1886
Hiram,
June 28, 1832 - Jan. 23, 1923
Rebecca,
July 18, 1838 - Apr. 12, 1924
Helen,
Dec. 3, 1844 - Dec. 17, 1927

Shortly after the graveside services, William F. Reynolds started chiseling the name and age of Rebecca Winters on the outside of a tire rim. He worked on it nearly all night, as little Ellis Reynolds (Shipp) held a lighted tallow dip which furnished the necessary tallow light. As the work was completed, Captain Hawley was heard to say: "This wagon tire will be the means of identifying this grave in years to come." The wagon tire was then anchored securely over the grave and the caravan continued on its way westward.

Many years passed. Many thousands of overland emigrants passed that way and stopped to read the chiseled inscription. In the early 1880's homesteaders pioneered the Platte River Valley. They, too, saw the grave of Rebecca Winters and held it in sacred remembrance as the last resting place of a pioneer mother of the plains. Pioneers to Oregon, California, Utah and elsewhere, wrote her name in their journals.



Rebecca Winters Grave

... sacred spot to travelers
—Photo Courtesy Church Information Service

The name of Rebecca Winters became known from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Grave Cared For

In 1886 Norman DeMott homesteaded the land on which the grave was located. He and his family cared for it as though it were one of their own.

To the other homesteaders in the valley, the Rebecca Winters grave became one of the most historic sites in that part of the country. The first ditch built in 1888 to bring irrigating water to their lands from the Platte River was called the "Winters' Ditch." One

of the larger canals built was designated the "Winters' Canal" and is still known by that name. When a voting precinct in the 1880's was organized for the area in which the grave is located, it was given the title of the "Winters' Precinct" and is still identified as such.

In the late 1890's when the Burlington Railway Company planned to run their road through the Platte Valley, they purchased from Mr. Norman DeMott a right-of-way through his land. Mr. DeMott, however, made a reservation in the sale, that the Burlington Railway Company in extending their survey lines through his property, should not run over or disturb the Rebecca Winters grave.

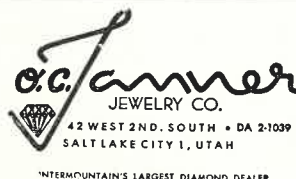
Respect For The Site

In 1899, when the survey was being made, the line extended, passed over the gravesite. The Burlington Company was then required to re-survey another line which by-passed and left unharmed the historic spot. Later the company built an iron fence around the grave as protection and the Winters family was notified and arrangements made for placing a tombstone over the grave.

At the present time there is a marker on the highway directing travelers to the grave site. You still have to walk over private property to see the grave and its markers, but the path is well kept and it is still a great tourist attraction as it has been since the early 1860's.

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Mullen Takes Good Look At Mormon Religion

By Virgil V. Peterson

The Latter-day Saints: The Mormons Yesterday and Today, by Robert Mullen. Doubleday & Company, Inc. Garden City. \$5.95.



Robert Mullen, well known throughout the world in his public relations operations, had his first close associ-

ations with the Mormons when he was chosen to publicize the first European tour of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. A man of great literary skill, he writes this account as if the story had never been told before.

The book has three main divisions: the Joseph Smith period, the Brigham Young time and events, and the era from the death of President Young to the present.

The presentation is replete with exacting detail yet the style captures reader interest. The author researched and sifted innumerable sources, weighed each carefully and, as a result, has given what appears to be one of the most accurate accounts ever written by a non-Mormon.

His comprehension of the width and breadth of the Mormon religious concept enables him to lay aside any prejudicial temptations and yet tell the story without the appearance of proselytization.

The Era That Ended American Isolation

By Virgil Peterson

The Nineties, by the editors of *American Heritage*. American Heritage Publishing Co., New York. \$4.95.

In *The Nineties*, *Glimpses of a Lost but Lively World*, the Editors of *American Heritage* have taken a penetrating look behind the froth and bubbles that mask the many startling transformations of American life that took place during the Mauve Decade. The 14 stories and 158 pictures in this book depict a major turning point in our history.

"The decade of the 1890's

marks a dividing line between that older, isolated America and the new urban society of our own times, the era of income taxes, big government, vast technology, restless minorities, and international horrors," writes *American Heritage* Editor Oliver Jensen in the Introduction to *The Nineties*. "In those years the frontier closed and the last Indian war parties faded away. Already the expanding and aggressive industries that had sprung up since the Civil War made a sign that rural America was passing. . . We ventured forth beyond our continental limits to plant the flag in Hawaii, in the Philippines, and in the West Indies, and our isolation came to an end."

The Nineties looks at many aspects of this effervescent and significant era—at the romps, revels, and robust repasts of Diamond Jim Brady and Lillian Russell; at the smoke-filled rooms where Mark Hanna masterminded William McKinley to the Presidency; at the worlds of art and letters, still harking back to the romantic past but also anticipating the granding realism of the coming century; at the mighty muscle of fast-growing Chicago; and at that seriocomic period piece, the Spanish-American War.

Story Of Clarkston New Pioneer Volume

HISTORY OF CLARKSTON, The Granary of Cache Valley (1864-1964), compiled by Ben J. Ravsten and Eunice P. Ravsten, 486 pages, Ben J. Ravsten, Clarkston, publisher; \$6.00, plus 50¢ for handling.

This is a history of a typical Mormon community featuring the development and achievements of the town and the L.D.S. Church in that vicinity, along with the stories of its early settlers.

Martin Harris, a prominent figure in the organization of the Church and one of the three witnesses of the Book of Mormon, lived and died in Clarkston, and is buried in the Clarkston cemetery. The book contains a history of his life, commemorative activities, genealogical records of the Harris family and statements of town members who knew him and heard him bear testimony of the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon.

Personal histories from 1864-1964 have been submitted by leading townfolk.

The volume has a hard-back cover and is well-documented and indexed. Only the number of paid orders have been printed.

Biography Of Sutro Rare Success Story

ADOIPH SUTRO: A BIOGRAPHY. By Robert E. Stewart and Frances Stewart (Berkeley Howell-North Books, 1962). 243 pp. Illustrations, end-paper maps and designs, notes bibliography, \$6.00.

Scholarly, full-length study of the energetic man who came to California in the gold rush, doggedly pushed the Sutro Tunnel (designed to drain the mines of the Comstock) to completion, and became wealthy in San Francisco real estate. Many contemporary illustrations of the Nevada period and of the Sutro properties in San Francisco.

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Chapter Eternal

Leo Joseph Muir

Leo Joseph Muir, 87, former superintendent of Utah schools, long time business leader and Church worker, in Utah and California, died August 3 in a Salt Lake City hospital. He was an honorary member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, an honor awarded him as outstanding member in 1961 by action of the National Board. He was a member in good standing in the California Chapter.

Mr. Muir was born March 9, 1880 a son of William Smith and Lucy Darke Muir. He spent his early years on a farm near Woods Cross. After graduating from the University of Utah he served several years as a school teacher and administrator, particularly in Davis County.

He was the principal of Davis High School serving until he was appointed state superintendent of Utah public schools by Gov. Bamberger. He was also vice president of the Utah Educational Association. Mr. Muir was also a member of the Bountiful City Council for four years and was mayor of the city for two terms. He was county chairman of the Democratic Party for 14 years and a member of the State Demo-

cratic Committee. He was active in the Progressive Business Club of Salt Lake City and vice president of the Davis County Fair Association.

In 1902 he married Ethie May Malin. She died in 1949. In 1950 he married Ilda LeCheminant who died in 1954. In 1902 he moved to Los Angeles where he served as sales manager and member of the board of directors of the National Thrift Corporation of America. He was an official in the Los Angeles County Welfare Association and the County Rehabilitation Commission. He was also editor of the Church Intermountain News, published in Los Angeles.

Mr. Muir was first counselor in the original Los Angeles Stake for four years and was president of the stake from 1927 until 1929, when he was named president of Northern States Mission, a position he held until October 1943.

He was author of six books on business and religion.

Funeral services were held Aug. 7 at 4330 Redwood Road. Burial was in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Surviving are six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Frank R. Campbell

Frank Robert Campbell, 45, member of the Ute Rangers Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died July 23 in a Montpelier, Ida. hospital of a heart attack. He resided at 418 Springcreek Dr., Salt Lake City and by profession was the Fur Department manager of Z.C.M.I.

Mr. Campbell was born July 7, 1922 in Salt Lake City to Robert and Louise Shuman Campbell. He married Vyrna Lucille Hanson, May 9, 1943 in Evanston, Wyo., the marriage being solemnized later in the Salt Lake Temple.

He was president of the Ute

Rangers Posse and a World War II veteran.

Survivors: widow, sons, daughters, David R., Steven F., Richard I., Robert H., Annette, all of Bountiful; Mrs. Larry (Kaye) Richins, Salt Lake City; 2 grandchildren; mother, Salt Lake City; sister, Mrs. Harry R. (Mildred) Olsson, New York City.

Lynn Dixon Taylor

Lynn Dixon Taylor, active and devoted member of the Brigham Young Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died of a heart attack July 2 in a Provo hospital. He was 69.

He was born May 6, 1898 in Provo to Arthur N. and Maria Louisa Dixon Taylor. He married Celestia Johnson Aug. 17, 1927 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Mr. Taylor was the first president of the Brickerhaven Corporation. He was manager of the drapery department, the Dixon Taylor Russell Company, and was co-organizer of the Bonneville Development Company. He was former instructor in interior decorating at Brigham Young University.

Active in numerous civic and social groups he was a member of the American Legion, in addition to his activities in the SUP. He also held various offices in the priesthood and auxiliary organizations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Survivors: widow; sons, daughters, John A., Cincinnati; George T., Provo; Mrs. Monte (Janice) De Graw, Solana Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Bryan (Lynne Ann) Richards, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Brent (Kathryn) Brockbank, San Jose, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; brothers, sisters, Arthur D., Elton L., Clarence D., Mrs. Fred (Ruth) Kartchner, all of Provo; Henry D., Mrs. Elroy (Alice) Nelson, both Salt Lake City.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: "Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart. So shall thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of the Lord." —Prov. 3:2

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Frank M. Openshaw

Frank M. Openshaw, 70, a member of the Salt Lake Luncheon Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, former Utah Legislator and for 12 years treasurer of "Days of '47," died of a heart ailment in a Salt Lake hospital on Sept. 2.

Mr. Openshaw served two terms in the Utah House of Representatives from 1948 to 1952. He served as a State Senator (1952-1956) and was chairman of the Joint Appropriations Committee.

He retired in April 1967 from the Union Pacific Railroad after more than 50 years as chief traffic division clerk, traveling freight agent and auditor of the Union Pacific Hospital Association.

Past president of the U.P. Old Timers Club, the Triangle Club and the Certified Public Accountants Assn., he also was active in the Salt Lake Exchange Club. Mr. Openshaw was active in Scouting, having been an Eagle Scout and winner of the Silver Beaver award.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints and had been bishop of the Salt Lake Twenty-Second Ward. He was superintendent of the Granite Stake Mutual Improvement Assn. and president of the Wasatch Ward Choir.

Mr. Openshaw was born April 5, 1897 in Salt Lake City to Jonathan Edward and Bessie Less Openshaw. He married Margaret Sheppard, Sept. 28, 1916 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Survivors: widow, three daughters, Mrs. A. Wayne (Fae) Fox, Mrs. Richard C. (Elaine) Wood, both of Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Eugene H. (Marilyn) Chapman, of Provo.

Also surviving are 14 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, a brother, Melvin L., and two sisters, Mrs. J. Terrence (Ida) Holding, and Mrs. O. Ernest (Florence) Jorgenson, all of Salt Lake City.

Funeral services were held September 5 in the Wasatch Ward Chapel. Burial was in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Austin H. Shaw

Austin H. Shaw, 85, a member of the Ogden Luncheon Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died August 21 in an Ogden hospital after a brief illness. He was a devoted member of his SUP chapter and exceedingly popular with the members.

He was born April 9, 1884 in Ogden, son of Mertillo and Anna Cardon Shaw, Jr. He married Eva Brown June 21, 1909 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

He was founder of the Ogden Blueprint Supply Co. and former partner in the Shaw Supply Co. He was a member of the Ogden Kiwanis Club, past president of the Ogden Engineers Club and former engineer for Ogden City and Weber County. He served a number of years with the U. S. Forest Service and was an official with the Amalgamated Sugar Co. He was an active member of the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Survivors: widow; sons, daughter, John A., Ogden; Grant B., Martinez, Calif.; Mrs. LaMont (Marian) Sant, Bountiful; 17 grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Elbert (Nettie) Drumiler, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Earl E. (Bertha) Lee, Mrs. Louis W. (Lillian) Underwood, both Ogden.

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Edmund Paul Evans

Edmond Paul Evans, 80, a member of long standing in the SUP Luncheon Club, died August 14 Salt Lake hospital of causes incident to age. He was the oldest active plumbing and heating contractor in Utah. He founded the E. P. Evans Plumbing & Heating Company in 1922.

A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he was active in the High Priests Quorum of Bonneville Stake and a member of the Old Folks Committee for many years. He was prominent in the sheep and cattle business in the Uintah Basin. Recently he received an award from the National Heating, Plumbing & Cooling Contractors Assn. for years of activity in the business.

Born June 5, 1887, in Salt Lake City, Mr. Evans was the son of David and Ellen Midgley Evans. He married Lucretia Miles, Nov. 18, 1914, Salt Lake City. The marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

His survivors include his widow, four sons and one daughter, Dr. Creed M., Los Angeles; Edmund M., David M., Robert R., Mrs. C. Mont (Ruth) Mahoney, all Salt Lake City; 18 grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Clifford, Kent, Mrs. Myrtle Ashby, all Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Winifred Riser, Seattle, Wash.

Funeral service were held August 17 in the Bonneville Stake Center and burial was in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

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Couple of the Month

Elwood L. and Cora Sudweeks Slade of Ogden

For SUP Couple of the Month, we nominate Elwood L. and Cora Sudweeks Slade, 552 Seventeenth Street, Ogden, Utah. Recently they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The beautiful Slade garden home is one of Ogden's show-places, with its peacocks, goldfish, colored lights and two white Arabian stallions that have won a score or more of trophies. Also on display is their SUP Mormon Battalion Sweepstakes Cup from the Tucson Horseless Carriage Parade.

Hundreds of friends and admirers of this remarkable couple, still in the midst of abundant living, riding horseback and dancing regularly, turned out to honor the couple on their anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Slade were married July 3, 1917 in Manti.

Mrs. Slade, the former Miss Cora Sudweeks, was born Sept. 4, 1896, a daughter of Daniel and Anna Bartleson Sudweeks, in Panguitch.

Mr. Slade, son of William and Mary Lister Slade was born Dec. 3, 1896, in Panguitch.

The couple came to Ogden to make their home in 1931, and Mr. Slade served with the Pillsbury Co. here for 32 years, and retired four years ago.

He is a member of the Weber County Sheriff's Mounted Posse.

Mrs. Slade has ridden side-saddle on her horse in the Ogden Pioneer Days Parade for the past 30 years, and acted as grand marshal in 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Slade marched in



Mr. and Mrs. Elwood L. Slade

the inauguration parade of President Kennedy.

Their sons and daughters are: Clyde L. Slade, Mrs. Rada Toyler, Mrs. Carl (Dean) Telford, Mrs. Douglas (Peggie) Holmes, and Mrs. Don (Jenedie) Child, all of Ogden and Mrs. Craig (Carole) Meckelson of Orem.

They have 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pioneer Relics Given

Historian Andrew Jensen's famous leather chair in which he sat to write so much Church history was given to Pioneer Village recently by Earl E. Olson, assistant Church historian, who succeeded his grandfather to this position.

Jack Sears has given his well-known caricature of Andrew Jensen to SUP Historian Harold H. Jensen, who in turn gave it to Pioneer Village.

Sons of Pioneers Luncheon Club Gives Garden Party

Two hundred and fifty members of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club, Sons of the Pioneers, and their partners enjoyed their annual garden party July 12 at the Horace Sorensen home, 3000 Conner St.

Guests dined in the gardens at foursome tables, decorated with small American flags to give the affair a patriotic atmosphere. Mrs. Rulon W. Clark and Mrs. Lowell Castleton did the decorations.

Receiving the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo S. Young, (he's the new president of the group); the LeGrande P. Backmans, (he's the vice president); Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Woodruff and Mr. and Mrs. Jay B. Horracks.

Other honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Milton V. Backman (he's the national president of SUP) and the Days of '47 royalty, Queen Marilee Christensen and attendants Gail Rich and Linda Nickle.

A version of the Broadway play, "The Rainmaker" was presented by Shirley Seaseley, Neal Maxfield, Gayle Lawrence and Neldon Maxfield. Rulon W. Clark was general chairman.

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Keep Going To Reach 101 Years

Two Utah women who attained to the age of 101 during August, gave their formulas for their remarkable longevity.

Mrs. Meda Jensen, 2200 East 33rd South St., Salt Lake City, said: The key to a ripe old age is a good start, with good parents in a good home."

Mrs. Annie Catherine Erickson Benson, 225 N. 2nd West, Logan, believes in "keeping active as long as you can. Active people do not die very easy."

Mrs. Jensen was born Aug. 11, 1866 at Brigham City. She was married to Nels C. Jensen, Dec. 21, 1892 in the Logan Temple. He died in 1912.

Her birthday was celebrated with a family gathering at her home. Mrs. Jensen has one daughter, Mrs. C. F. Sargent, one grandson whom she reared, Grover D. Jensen of Salt Lake City; three other grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and 10 great, great grandchildren.

She lived under Brigham City's



—Art courtesy The Deseret News

Mrs. Annie C. E. Benson



The historic Jesse N. Smith pioneer home at Parowan, having been refurbished, was dedicated as a pioneer Memorial to all the pioneers of Parowan in ceremonies, Sunday, August 13, 1967. Presiding at the rites were the Dalton Brothers, uncles of Don Mack Dalton, president of the family organization. At extreme left in group is Patriach Hyrum Smith, oldest living son of the builder of the home.

United Order until she was about 11 years old. She cherishes many pioneer memories, especially seeing Brigham Young in the Salt Lake Tabernacle and the building of the Logan Temple.

She was a Relief Society visiting teacher for 50 years and is a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

Mrs. Benson was born Aug. 13,



Mrs. Meda J. Jensen

1866 in Manti, to Ludvig and Trena Christensen Erickson. Her family moved to Logan soon after her birth to escape Indian raids that were going on in the Manti area. She was married to Alma Peter Benson, March 18, 1885 in the Logan Temple. He died Dec. 18, 1918.

Mrs. Benson's birthday was observed with an open house at her home. Her favorite pastimes include playing bingo and quilting. She was a Relief Society visiting teacher for many years.

Mrs. Benson's family includes four of 11 children: Mrs. Ira (Myrtle) Oviatt, Bert Benson, both Salt Lake City; Mrs. Reginald (Sylvia) Sanders, Newton, Cache County, and Mrs. Howard (Amy) Richardson, Ogden; 43 grandchildren; 143 great-grandchildren and 64 great-great-grandchildren.

WEDDING VERSE

Here's to the bride
May she ever abide
In the heart of her husband's affection;
Here's to the groom
May he ever assume
That his wife is the peak of perfection.
—T. E. Berrett

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TYPOGRAPHICAL TID-BIT: "Miss Mercedes Sinclair, switchboard operator at the plant, testified that 40 pickets blocked her bath as she came to work."

—A Chicago Newspaper

... in the second year of the second century

Heroes Of The Covered Wagons

The 'Promised Valley' As Seen By Boy Pioneer Of '47

*By Harold H. Jenson
National Historian Sons of
The Utah Pioneers*

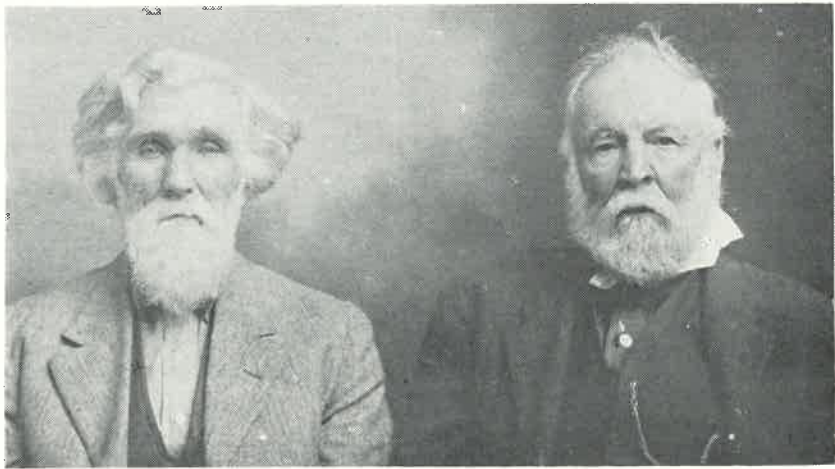
The original and first company of pioneers under Pres. Brigham Young, which arrived in the Great Salt Lake Valley, July 24, 1847, had in it only two boys, along with the 132 men and three women. One of these boys was interviewed by your historian quite a number of years after this memorable trek of heroic men and women — and two boys.

Lorenzo Sobriskie Young, his gray beard long enough to braid, sat in the office of a Salt Lake City newspaper a good many years after his arrival in "The Promised Valley" and described the country and life here as he first came to know it. His memory was clear although his speech was somewhat faulty. "I never did learn to speak much," he said in a twangy drawl.

The old man was spotted strolling down "Brigham Street" as South Temple was called in pioneer times, and was hastily cornered for an interview. He was here to attend a banquet in honor of the pioneers of '47 but arrived late and didn't seem to care whether he attended the affair or not. He seemed more interested in looking over the place as it was then as compared to what it was in 1847. He was rushed over to the banquet after which he talked to "his friends" as he called the newspaper fellows.

First Sight Of Valley

"Although I was only six, I believe it was, many things are clear in my mind," said the old gentleman. "I remember when the company, arriving at Little Mountain, ordered as many as were able to get out of the wagons and make it from there on foot. I remember we came to a stream and me and the other boy had to be carried over it, because we were too little to wade it. The first sight of this valley is clear in my mind. Many of us expected a rich and fertile valley but found only a barren wilderness. It was a disappointment. But the people sang their thanks that they were out of the reach of their enemies and this



—Photo Courtesy Church Historian's Office

Lorenzo Young

Perry Decker

... only small boys in original 1847 pioneer company

thought caused them to forget the appearance of their promised valley.

"I recall my first job was herding sheep. That's about the main thing I did in my early life. I 'ain't had much education as you can tell and didn't understand thunder and lightning and I remember running to camp and putting my head under the covers to deaden the sound of thunder and shut out the lightning.

Outdoors Education

"I got what little education I did get out-of-doors with the land, the rocks, the trees and the streams as my teacher. My only company much of the time was my dog. I did manage to pick up a little readin' and writin' but never got very good at this either.

"When I was a young man I was called to help settle 'The Muddy Country' but I can't quite remember the real name of the place. I remember the floods — one big one especially. Some of us were sent out to warn other settlers. First we rescued a widow whose house had floated down the valley leaving her on an island. When we got a little ways out she made us stop and go back to get her cat. We found a man floatin' on a wagon box and got him to safety.

"About that time I got married and moved to Shelley, Ida. I have a little farm there. I love my home

and still like to work the ground. My wife and children keep wantin' me to quit but I guess I will keep on as long as I can. I remember how much better it is than going looking for weeds (sego lilies) to make a brew for our half-starved people.

"I enjoy meeting my friends, especially Perry Decker of Draper, who was the other boy in our '47 company. We like to get together and compare stories about them hard times, digging weeds for our food, herding sheep, plowing the ground, fighting the crickets and all those things our children will never have to do. We should be ever thankful to the good Lord that he never deserted us, although it seemed at times that he had."

Andrew Jenson's biography of Lorenzo Sobriskie Young records that he was born March 9, 1841 in Winchester, Scott County, Ill., the son of Lorenzo Dow Young and Persis Goodall. He married Sarah A. Black who bore him 12 children. He died in Shelley, March 28, 1924.

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Historical Highlights

By Harold H. Jensen
National Historian, SUP

The SUP-Mormon Battalion trek to Fort Moore, July 1 to 8 was most memorable in many ways. It was also a news-worthy event par excellence, as the Los



Angeles Herald-Examiner demonstrated with its front-page story and picture. The raising of the U. S. Flag at Fort Moore, 120 years after the Mormon Battalion performed this patriotic act, caused hundreds

of Americans to appreciate more fully the significance of this event, which claimed California a part of the United States.

Contributing impressively to the ceremony was the rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" by vocalist Mrs. Eleanor Reynolds of New York City and the reading of "The Pledge of Allegiance" by Dr. Oliver Smith.

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History was also made at Tragedy Springs where three Mormon Battalion members were killed by Indians. Three versions of this tragedy given by Historian Norma Rickett, Daniel Follett, grandson of one of the murdered men and Sid Smith of the Kit Carson organization.

The graves have been marked and a memorial fountain will be erected. Checks from Milton V. Backman, president of SUP and Col. Marvin E. Smith, commanding officer of the Mormon Battalion, in behalf of their organizations, will help finance this worthy memorial project. The spot will be formally dedicated in September.

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The refurbishing of the memorable Jesse N. Smith pioneer mansion in Parowan is coming along nicely. Members of the

Smith family present when the trek paused at Parowan were Hyrum Smith, 84, oldest patriarch in the Church, and Don Mack Dalton, civic leader, legislator and prime pusher for the project, among others. More pioneer furniture is needed and any such donations will be greatly appreciated.

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A real, snappy Mormon Battalion marching song, or official hymn is needed. Song writers, get busy and make yourself famous. Mrs. Ila M. Pollock wrote a libretto on such a theme some years ago and the late beloved Oscar Kirkham set the number to music, but nobody made a recording of it and the printed copies seem to have disappeared.

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Your historian desires to repeat the request you have seen so many times in these columns: Please write a history of your chapter and send one copy to the National Board of Directors of SUP and one to Pioneer Magazine. If it isn't too long, it will be printed in the magazine, so make it thorough and snappy. You will be glad you did!"

Gold Spike Medal Minting Gives Okey

The U. S. Senate Banking & Currency Committee has approved legislation for striking off medals in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the driving of the Golden Spike, joining the first transcontinental railroad at Promontory, Utah.

Sen. Wallace F. Bennett in announcing the action, said, "I am pleased that the committee has moved quickly and approved this legislation which is of great interest to all Utahns."

The medals will be sold to help defray the cost of putting on the Centennial Celebration in 1969, he said.

Sen. Bennett announced that 500,000 medals will be furnished to the National Golden Spike Society in Box Elder County, Utah. These will show suitable emblems to be determined by the Utah Gold Spike Centennial Commission.

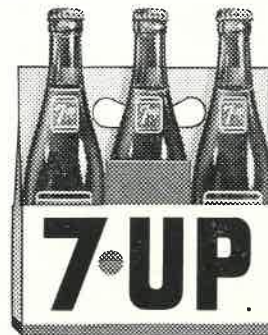
HEADLINE OF THE DAY: "Tries To Kill Himself Three Times" —Atlanta Journal.

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*Lincoln was elected in 1860. Kennedy was elected in 1960.

*Both were assassinated on Friday in the presence of their wives.

*Their successors were both named Johnson.

*Andrew Johnson who followed Lincoln was born in 1808. Lyndon B. Johnson, who followed Kennedy was born in 1908.

*John Wilkes Booth, who killed Lincoln, was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald, who killed Kennedy, was born in 1939.

*Both Booth and Oswald were southerners who favored unpopular causes.

*Both slayers of Booth and Oswald died before they could be brought to trial. (Boston Corbett and Jack Ruby)

*The wives of both Lincoln and Kennedy lost children through death while their husbands were presidents.

*Both Lincoln and Kennedy were shot in the back of the head.

*Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy. Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln. Both secretaries advised their presidents not to go on their ill-fated journeys. Both were ignored.

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Larson, third base; Emile Larson, short stop; Tod Thompson, manager; Bob Hamil, catcher; "Hawky" Clarence Hawkhurst, first base.

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By Herb S. Hamlin
Editor 'The Pony Express'

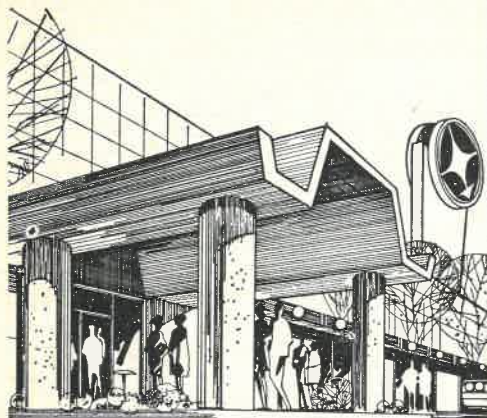
Following is data on the middle-of-the-head hair-parters who made competition tough in Salt Lake City, 64 years ago. Spike shoes hadn't come in yet. More females than males attended this noted Presbyterian college, hence baseball and football teams included freshmen to seniors. "Boys we played 'em hard and tough," says Hawkey, whose raven-haired girl, Josephine Valentine, was belle of the college. Whenever she came to cheer, it is said that Hawky got nervous and missed the ball. The same baseball team played as follows on the football team: Ed Troxel, left halfback; Frank Miller, left end; Jimmie La Mar, quarterback; Roy Nielson, right halfback; Ren McNiece, fullback; Alber Larson, left tackle; Emile

Larson, right guard; Tod Thompson, manager; Bob Hamil, right halfback; Clarence (Hawkey) Hawkhurst, right end.

(Editor's Note: 280 lbs., "5-foot-18" Emile Larson didn't have to play deep at shortstop. He could spear 'em high in the sky. We saw athlete Ren McNiece do the "big drop and catch" on the trapeze bar many times). Hawkey says: "He could do the handspring and the star pitch was a line plunger at fullback. We played Salt Lake High School, All Hallows College, United States soldiers at Fort Douglas, the University of Utah, and the 'Trilby Buckers' (from no college at all, but a rough and tough bunch of Mormons on 18th Ward Square." Hawkey played against Fred Bennion, University of Utah fullback, when he held the United States putting record,

except for Pat O'Day, of Wisconsin. Virginia Valentine Hendricks, a daughter of beautiful Josephine, tried to find Hawkey's place at 1068 Blaine Avenue, Salt Lake City (several years ago). She wanted to see the gentleman, who courted her mother in early days, but, alas the genteel chap couldn't be located. Hawky always promised to take "Take" Hamlin along on his Sunday afternoon courting expeditions to meet Josephine's sister, Babe Valentine. He had to wait till the fall of 1905 to meet her at high school. Some pair of musical beauties were the Valentine sisters, but no luck for Hawky or Take. They were too slow as "Sir Galahad or Lochinvar" that "came out of the west.")

P. S.: Virginia said: "Hawky almost became my father."



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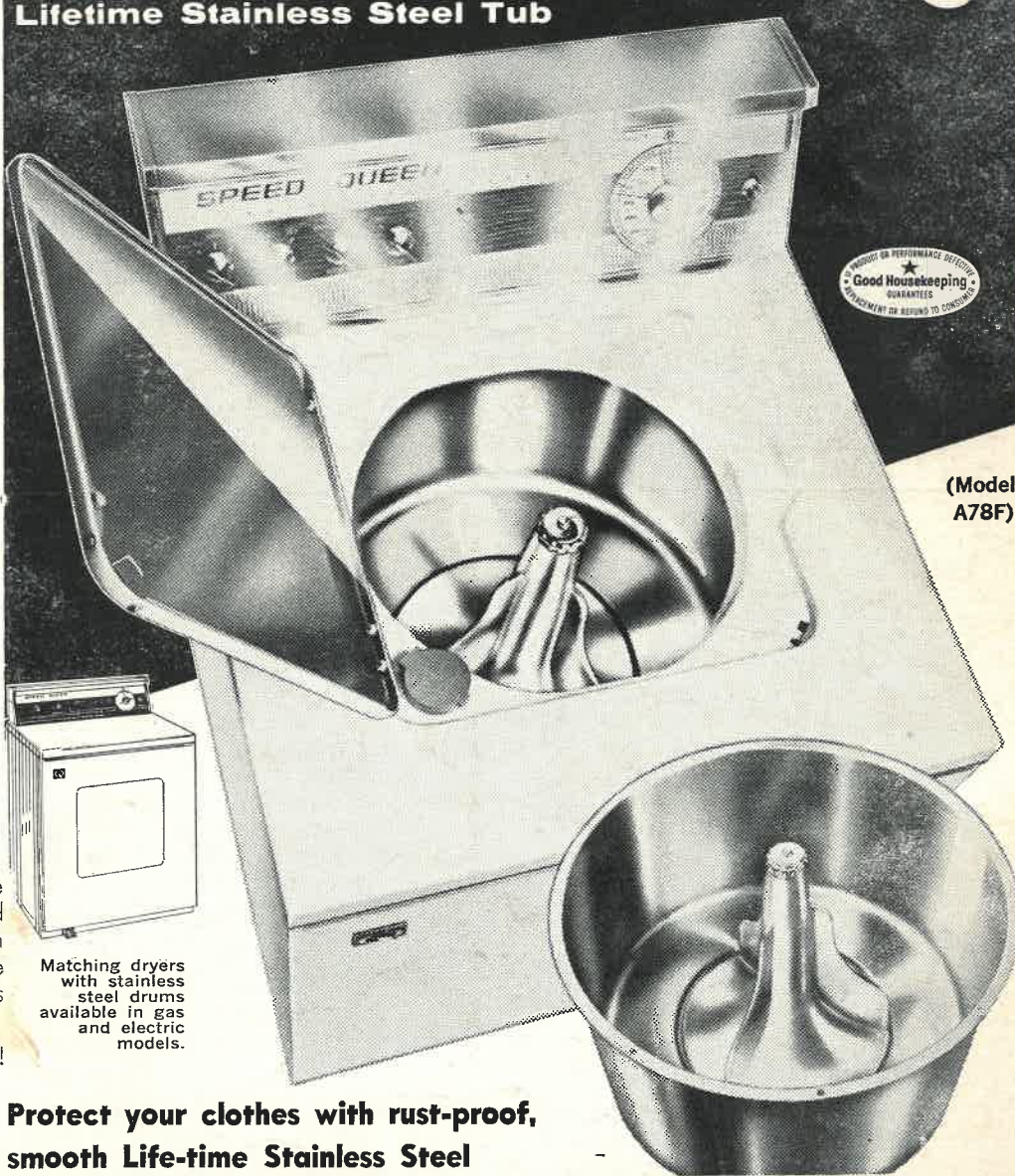
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